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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK RELATIONS

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1. THE WIRELESS FILE REPORT OF THE NOON BRIEFING DISTORTED SOMEWHAT THE EXCHANGE ON INDO-PAK RELATIONS BY MELDING THE QUESTION IN WITH THE SPOKESMAN'S ANSWER. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE PAKISTANI-INDIA MOVES TOWARD RECONCILIATION, OR RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS?

ANSWER: GEORGE, WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD A POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH ASIA OF ENCOURAGING ANY AND ALL EFFORTS THAT THE STATES OF THAT REGION RECONCILE THEIR RELATIONS. AND WE HAVE LENT OUR MAXIMUM ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION. WE HOPE THAT NATIONS OF THAT AREA WILL IMPROVE OR CONTINUE TO

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IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS, AND WE APPLAUD THE EFFORT TO DO SO.

2. WE THINK SPOKESMAN'S ACTUAL STATEMENT WAS APPROPRIATELY
NEUTRAL AND DO NOT PLAN TO MAKE ADDITIONAL STATEMENT REGARD-
ING GOP ROLE WHICH WOULD, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, STRIKE
REPORTERS AS BEING GRATUITIOUS. FOR YOUR PURPOSES IN
PAKISTAN YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON ABOVE TEXT AND ON PREPARED
GUIDANCE (SEPTTEL) RATHER THAN ON WIRELESS FILE ACCOUNT.
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